

**MINUTES OF THE COHOES TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL AT 4:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Johnston, Chairman
Fire Chief Joseph Fahd
Sergeant Tony Pucci
Melissa Ashline-Heil, City Planner

ALSO PRESENT: Nancy Walker, Recording Secretary

**CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

The first agenda item was consideration of the approval of the minutes of the *Traffic Commission* meeting held on November 17, 2008. The Chairman asked if there were any questions, comments, concerns or corrections. There were none. Ms. Ashline-Heil made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CONSIDERATION OF NO PARKING ANYTIME PROHIBITION SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF
NEW STREET**

The next item on the agenda was consideration of *No Parking Anytime* prohibition signs on both sides of New Street. The request was submitted by Commissioner Ken Radliff. The Chairman visited this sight and observed bank customers parking on New Street. Commissioner Radliff stated he has trouble getting his large dump trucks out and also trouble getting tractor trailer delivery trucks into the DPW garage.

The Chairman's recommendation was to restrict parking on all three sides of New Street. (See Attachment A) Ms. Ashline-Heil made a motion install the signs. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN ON BROADWAY AT WILMER
AVENUE AND ON KNIGHT STREET AT WILMER**

The next agenda item was consideration of a request for a *Stop* sign on Broadway at Wilmer Avenue and on Knight Street at Wilmer. The request was submitted by Kathy Murray. The Chairman monitored this intersection on several occasions. On Knight Street there is one house with a two car parking lot. Additionally, there is a three car garage for one house on Wilmer. The Chairman requested accident history from the police department and was informed by Assistant Chief Jim Ward there had only been one minor accident in 2005 at this intersection. When the middle school lets out, cars in the parking lot do not leave all at once, but sporadically. MUTCD advises that *Stop* signs should only be used where the basic rules for right-of-way at an intersection are modified. There are no MUTCD warrants for right-of-way assignment at this intersection. The Chairman's recommendation was to deny the request for *Stop* signs on short Broadway and Knight Street. Ms. Ashline-Heil made a motion deny the request for *Stop* signs. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. **REQUEST DENIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

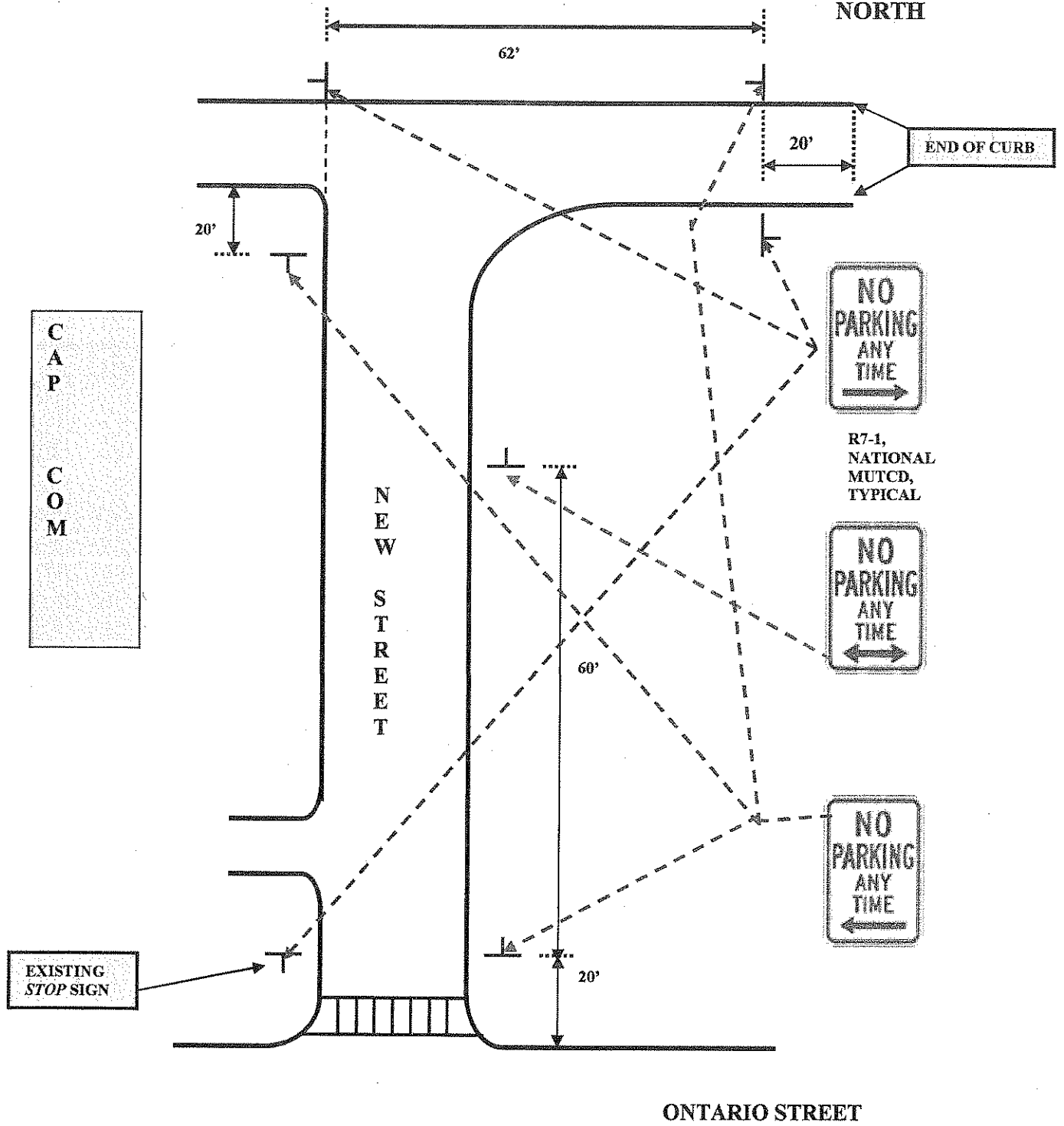
CONSIDERATION OF LIMITING PARKING TO ONE SIDE OF THE STREET ON
ARLINGTON ROAD

The next agenda item was consideration of limiting parking to one side of the street on Arlington Road. The request was submitted by Regina Grego. At last month's meeting this item was tabled to assess if emergency vehicles could or could not traverse the street if two vehicles were parked directly across from each other. John Grego attended this meeting to once again speak on behalf of his daughter. He stated he had measured the road at 24 feet wide and emphasized it is just too narrow for vehicles to get through in case of emergency. The Chairman stated both Chief's Heslin and Fahd have concerns that if vehicles are parked across from each other and the street is additionally narrowed by snow accumulation, large emergency vehicles may not be able to get through. There are four houses on the south side and seven houses on the north side of Arlington Road. Every house has a driveway. The Chairman's recommendation is to prohibit parking on the south side of the street where there is less potential for impact to parking. (See Attachment B) Ms. Ashline-Heil made a motion approve the Chairman's recommendation. Chief Fahd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Chief Fahd, Sergeant Pucci, Ms. Ashline-Heil and Chairman Johnston all voted AYE. **MOTION PASSED.**

There being no further business on the agenda the Chairman stated the next meeting of the Traffic Commission would be Monday, January 26, 2009 at 4:15 P. M. This is the fourth Monday of the month instead of the third Monday due to the Martin Luther King holiday. He made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ashline-Heil seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 P. M.

NEW STREET

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NO SCALE

INSTALLATIONS:

1) Install **R7-1, *No Parking Anytime*** signs on *New Street* at the following locations:

- 1) On the east side, 20' north of Ontario Street. Sign shall have a left directional arrow.
- 2) On the east side, 80' north of Ontario Street. Sign shall have a double headed directional arrow,
- 3) On the south side, 20' west of the end of the curb. Sign shall have a right directional arrow.
- 4) On the north side, 20' west of the end of the curb. Sign shall have a left directional arrow.
- 5) On the north side, 82' west of the end of the curb. Sign shall have a right directional arrow.
- 6) On the west side, on the existing Stop sign post. Sign shall have a right directional arrow,
- 7) On the west side, 20' south of the north Cap Com driveway. Sign shall have a left directional arrow.

The signs shall conform to the *National Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, be 12" by 18" in size, red on white in color, have directional arrows as detailed above and mounted at a height of 7 feet. Signs shall be skewed at an angle of between 30 and 45 degrees with the line of traffic flow.

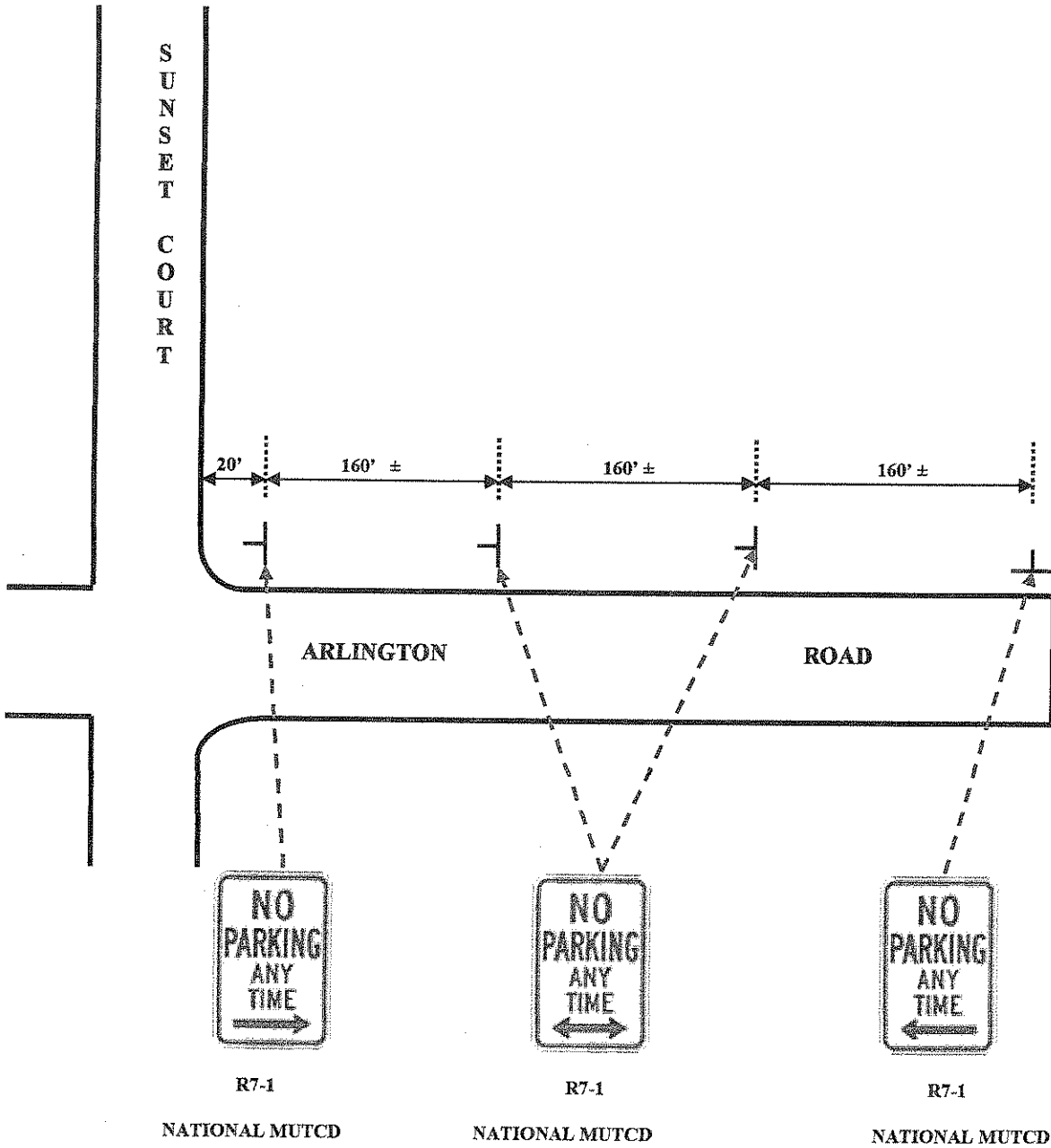
A location plan is attached.

ARLINGTON ROAD

DECEMBER 15, 2008



NORTH



NO SCALE

INSTALLATIONS:

- 1) Install R7-1, *No Parking Anytime* signs on the south side of *Arlington Road* at the following locations:
 - 1) 20' west of Sunset Court. Sign shall have a right directional arrow.
 - 2) 180' west of Sunset Court. Sign shall have a double headed directional arrow.
 - 3) 340' west of Sunset Court. Sign shall have a double headed directional arrow.
 - 4) 500' west of Sunset Court. Sign shall have a left directional arrow.

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A location plan is attached.